

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for facilitating access to resources which are included in a data collection, each of the resources comprising a self-contained module of data and having content, the data collection comprising a plurality of the resources, the method comprising acts of:

(A) executing a search query on the data collection to produce at least one search result, the search query specifying at least one criterion, each at least one search result identifying a subset of the resources [[which]] that satisfy the at least one criterion, and saving the search query;

(B) after executing the search query, providing an input mechanism by means of which a user may select at least one resource from the at least one search result, for preserving the selected at least one resource in a system location comprising a folder, wherein preserving the selected at least one resource comprises maintaining content of the selected at least one resource in the state at which the content existed at the time of preservation;

(C) after the user's selection of the at least one resource from the at least one search result, designating [[a]] the system location in which the content of the selected at least one resource is to be preserved; and

(D) executing, in response to the user's selection, a command to preserve the content of the selected at least one resource in the system location.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the folder is created based on input provided by the user.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the at least one resource with an identifier which facilitates access to the resource.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the act (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource to at least one of a CD-ROM or a paper copy.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the act (D) is performed in at least one of a manual and semi-automated manner.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (D) further comprises copying the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the act (D) is performed in response to a command provided by a user.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the act (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each selected at least one resource and the second system location.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (D) further comprises moving the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the act (D) is performed in response to receiving a command provided by a user.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the act (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each selected at least one resource and the second system location.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is a human operator.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one criterion is provided by the user.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with instructions which, when executed by a computer, perform a method for facilitating access to resources which are included in a data collection, each of the resources comprising a

self-contained module of data and having content, the data collection comprising a plurality of the resources, the method comprising acts of:

- (A) executing a search query on the data collection to produce at least one search result, the search query specifying at least one criterion, each at least one search result identifying a subset of the resources [[which]] that satisfy the at least one criterion, and saving the search query;
- (B) after executing the search query, providing an input mechanism by means of which a user may select at least one resource from the at least one search result, for preserving the selected at least one resource in a system location comprising a folder, wherein preserving the selected at least one resource comprises maintaining content of the selected at least one resource in the state at which the content existed at the time of preservation;
- (C) after the user's selection of the at least one resource from the at least one search result, designating [[a]] the system location in which the content of the selected at least one resource is to be preserved; and
- (D) executing, in response to the user's selection, a command to preserve the content of the selected at least one resource in the system location.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[18]] 17, wherein the folder is created based on input provided by the user.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, further comprising providing the at least one resource with an identifier which facilitates access to the resource.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource.

23 (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the act (D) further comprises exporting the preserved resource to at least one of a CD-ROM or a paper copy.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the act (D) is performed in at least one of a manual and semi-automated manner.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act (D) further comprises copying the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the act (D) is performed in response to a command provided by a user.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the act (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each selected at least one resource and the second system location.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act (D) further comprises moving the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the act (D) is performed in response to receiving a command provided by a user.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the act (D) is performed by creating a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each selected at least one resource and the second system location.

31. (Original). The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the user is a human operator.

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the at least one criterion is provided by the user.

33. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating access to resources which are included in a data collection, each of the resources comprising a self-contained module of data and having content, the data collection comprising a plurality of the resources, the system comprising:

    a search controller to execute a search query on the data collection to produce at least one search result, the search query specifying at least one criterion, each at least one search result identifying a subset of the resources  
    [[which]] that satisfy the at least one criterion, and saving the search query;

an input controller to provide an input mechanism by means of which a user may select at least one resource, from the at least one search result produced by the search controller, for preserving the selected at least one resource in a system location comprising a folder, wherein preserving the selected at least one resource comprises maintaining content of the selected at least one resource in the state at which the content existed at the time of preservation;

a controller to designate [[a]] the system location in which the content of the selected at least one resource is to be preserved after the user's selection of the at least one resource from the at least one search result; and

a command controller to execute, in response to the user's selection provided to the input controller, a command to preserve the content of the selected at least one resource in the system location.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[34]] 33, wherein the folder is created based on input provided by the user.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising providing the at least one resource with an identifier which facilitates access to the resource.

38. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller further exports the preserved resource.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the command controller further exports the preserved resource to at least one of a CD-ROM or a paper copy.

40. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller further copies the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

41. (Original) The system of claim 40, wherein the command controller creates a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each of the selected at least one resources and the second system location.

42. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller further moves the selected at least one resource from the system location to a second system location.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the command controller creates a relationship in at least one persistent data store between each selected at least one resource and the second system location.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33, wherein the user [[it]] is a human operator.

45. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the at least one criterion is provided by the user.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the resources in the data collection comprises a document.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the act (D) further comprises duplicating the selected at least one resource in the system location.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the act (D) further comprises preserving the selected at least one resource in the state in which the at least one resource respectively existed at a time at which the act (A) is performed.

49. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein at least one of the resources in the data collection comprises a document.

50. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act (D) further comprises duplicating the selected at least one resource in the system location.

51. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the act (D) further comprises preserving the selected one resource in the state in which the at least one resource respectively existed at a time at which the act (A) is performed.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein at least one of the resources in the data collection comprises a document.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller is further operable to duplicate the selected at least one resource in the system location.

54. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the command controller is further operable to preserve the selected at least one resource in the state in which the at least one resource respectively existed at a time at which the search controller produces the at least one search result.

55. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 47, wherein duplicating further comprises physically duplicating the selected at least one resource in the system location.

56. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 47, wherein duplicating further comprises updating at least one persistent data store to provide a logical relationship between the at least one resource and the system location.

57. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 50, wherein duplicating further comprises physically duplicating the selected at least one resource in the system location.

58. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 50, wherein duplicating further comprises updating at least one persistent data store to provide a logical relationship between the at least one resource and the system location.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53, wherein duplicating further comprises physically duplicating the selected at least one resource in the system location.

60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53, wherein duplicating further comprises updating at least one persistent data store to provide a logical relationship between the at least one resource and the system location.